

Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the reports of forty-six rules; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4362. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the reports of 187 rules; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4363. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1997 of the Visiting Committee on Advance Technology (National Institute of Standards and Technology); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4364. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on February 26, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4365. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the annual performance plan for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4366. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on February, 23, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4367. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to reform agricultural credit programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4368. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Amendments of 1998"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4369. A communication from the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on February 18, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4370. A communication from the Secretary of the Panama Canal Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 10, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4371. A communication from the Director of Selective Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4372. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Navy Submarine Solid Waste Management Plan for MARPOL Annex V Special Areas"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4373. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998" (Rept. No. 105-171).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 400. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. CHAFEE):

S. 1809. A bill to improve the performance outcomes of the child support enforcement program in order to increase the financial stability and well-being of children and families, and to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Labor to jointly develop a National Standardized Medical Support Notice and establish a working group to eliminate existing barriers to the effective establishment and enforcement of medical child support; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROTH:

S. 1810. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on a certain anti-HIV and anti-AIDS drug; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FAIRCLOTH:

S. 1811. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from promulgating any regulation, rule, or other order if the effect of such regulation, rule, or order is to eliminate or modify any requirement under the medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act for physician supervision of anesthesia services, as such requirement was in effect on December 31, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. LEVIN) (by request):

S. 1812. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

S. 1813. A bill to authorize military construction and related activities of the Department of Defense for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

S. 1814. A bill entitled "Department of Defense Reform Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1815. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on tebufenozide; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1816. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on halofenozide; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1817. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on modified secondary-tertiary amine phenol/formaldehyde copolymers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1818. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on organic luminescent pigments, dyes, and fibers for security applications; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1819. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain fluorozirconium compounds; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1820. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 4-Hexylresorcinol; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1821. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on polymethine sensitizing dyes for imaging applications; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1822. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize provision of care to veterans treated with nasopharyngeal ra-

dium irradiation; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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THE CHILD SUPPORT PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1998

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I am pleased to join with my colleagues to introduce the Child Support Performance Improvement Act of 1998. I believe this legislation, with its special emphasis on the enforcement of medical child support orders, will improve the financial security and health of thousands of American children. This bill also takes careful steps to ensure that vital Federal health programs such as Medicaid and the new Children's Health Insurance Program are not misused by parents who are able but unwilling to live up to their health care responsibilities. I want to take this opportunity to share my special thanks with Senator SNOWE, who has shown a long-standing commitment to this important issue. I would also like to thank Senators KERRY, KENNEDY, DODD, JEFFORDS, and CHAFEE for their work on the issue of child support.

As a nation, our most fundamental measure of success is how effectively we provide for our children. We have a collective responsibility to ensure that our children have the financial resources they need to live happy, healthy and stable lives. At the same time, the responsibility for addressing many of children's daily needs fall squarely at the feet of their parents. In my state of West Virginia and elsewhere, too many parents neglect their financial responsibilities, maintaining that because they are no longer living in the same house as their children, they no longer have to support them. With so many parents refusing to provide their children with adequate financial support and health care, between \$15 and \$25 billion dollars in child support remains uncollected each year.

The Child Support Performance Improvement Act of 1998 takes several steps to make child support a dependable part of the continuum of private and public benefits available to American children. Since the child support enforcement system was created in 1975